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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
MARITIME AFFAIRS

REF: STATE 143191

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. S. SAMOLEWICZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
SHIPPING DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND  
MARITIME ECONOMY (MFT), TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON  
JUNE 29 THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE DISCUSSIONS IN  
WARSAW WITH MR. BANK AS SUGGESTED IN REF. SAMOLEWICZ  
SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MR. BANK MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER  
DIFFERENT DATES FOR HIS MEETINGS IN ORDER TO TAKE BETTER  
ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE OF POLISH SHIPPING OFFICIALS.  
END SUMMARY.

2. SAMOLEWICZ SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH  
VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE TADEUSZ ZYLKOWSKI CONCERNING  
THE PROPOSED VISIT AND THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SET UP  
MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE GOP AGENCIES AND WITH COMPANY  
OFFICIALS. SAMOLEWICZ HAD HOPED THAT VICE MINISTER  
ZYLKOWSKI WOULD BE PRESENT TO MEET WITH MR. BANK, BUT  
HE WILL BE ON VACATION THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY.  
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SAMOLEWICZ SAID THAT A SATISFACTORY PROGRAM COULD BE  
ARRANGED FOR JULY 18 TO 20, BUT SAID THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD  
BE MUCH STRONGER ON COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS THAN ON GOVERNMENT  
SHIPPING POLICY. IF GOVERNMENT SHIPPING POLICY WAS THE SUBJECT  
FOREMOST ON MR. BANK'S MIND, HE MIGHT WISH TO DELAY THE TALKS  
UNTIL LATE AUGUST, SAMOLEWICZ SAID.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY MR. BANK AND WOULD BE GLAD TO SEE HIGH-LEVEL MARITIME TALKS HELD LATER IN THE YEAR. SINCE THIS FIRST ROUND OF TALKS IS TO BE EXPLORATORY AND GENERAL IN NATURE, WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO WAIT UNTIL ZYLKOWSKI'S RETURN IN AUGUST. IF MR. BANK'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD THE TALKS FROM JULY 11 TO 13, SINCE SAMOLEWICZ, THE RANKING ENGLISH-SPEAKING SHIPPING OFFICIAL AFTER THE VICE MINISTER, WILL BE OUT OF WARSAW FOR 30 DAYS BEGINNING JULY 15.

4. WE HAVE GIVEN SAMOLEWICZ A COPY OF THE TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION IN REF AND HAVE MENTIONED THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO HOLD HIGH-LEVEL TALKS LATER IN THE YEAR. MR. BANK'S SCHEDULE SHOULD INCLUDE ONE FULL WORKING DAY FOR A TRIP TO GDANSK AND GDYNIA FOR DISCUSSION WITH POLISH OCEAN LINES AND CENTROMOR, THE POLISH FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ANY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. APPOINTMENTS WOULD ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE POLISH STEAMSHIP COMPANY IN WARSAW OR SZCZECIN, DEPENDING ON THE TIME AVAILABLE. OFFICIALS OF THE SHIPPING COMPANIES COULD ALSO PROVIDE VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE ON GOP SHIPPING POLICIES. ITEMS A THROUGH D PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN MEETINGS WITH SAMOLEWICZ AND PROBABLY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MIROSLAW ZIEMBA AT MFT AND OFFICIALS AT THE MINISTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE PRESIDENT'S OIL-POLLUTION PROPOSALS AND IMCO MEETINGS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH STANISLAW NOWICKI, DIRECTOR OF THE MARITIME INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT AT MFT. MR. BANK WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY FSO LARRY BUTCHER DURING THE MEETINGS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH DATES MR. BANK PREFERS FOR HIS DISCUSSION HERE.  
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